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# Montana Immunization Program Newsletter

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## **2016 AFIX Awards**

Each year the Montana Immunization Program recognizes immunization providers for their outstanding work in making sure their two year olds have received all the recommended vaccines. The Assessment, Feedback, Incentives, eXchange (AFIX) Awards are presented to clinics in which 80% or 90% of their two year olds have received all vaccines. Sixty-seven clinics were reviewed in 2015 and six are being recognized for their achievements.

The clinic that achieved 90% or greater of their 24-35 month olds fully vaccinated is:

- Mineral County Health Department, Superior

The clinics that achieved 80%-89% of their 24-35 month olds fully vaccinated are:

- Acorn Pediatrics, Bozeman
- Benefis Media Group Pediatrics, Great Falls
- CMMC Clinic Physicians, Lewistown
- Madison County Public Health Department, Virginia City
- Northern Montana Family Medical Center, Havre

Questions? Contact the Immunization Program at (406) 444-5580 or [hhsiz@mt.gov](mailto:hhsiz@mt.gov).

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## **CDC Updates Immunization Website for Parents**

The new CDC website offers a variety of resources for parents seeking to learn more about childhood immunization and the diseases that can be prevented with vaccines.

Parents can learn about vaccines needed for their child's age; how to make vaccine visits less stressful; immunization records and requirements; and the 16 diseases that vaccines prevent in children and teenagers. They can also download [easy-to-read immunization schedules](#) in both English and Spanish, use an interactive immunization scheduler, and view CDC educational resources. The new website also contains specialized immunization related to adoption, travel, and pregnancy.

The website can be found here: [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/)

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## **2016 Immunization Provider Education Series**

### **Immunizations: Building Trust During the Time of Twitter**

May 25, 2016 from 12-1:00pm

Presented by Wendy Sue Swanson, MD, MBE, FAAP

### **Hosted Recording of Immunizations: Building Trust During the Time of Twitter**

May 26, 2016 from 12-1:00pm

Montana Immunization Staff will be available to answer questions.

Author of the popular "Seattle Mama Doc" blog, Dr. Wendy Sue Swanson is a practicing pediatrician, Executive Director of Digital Health at Seattle Children's Hospital and an active thought leader with over 2 million lives touched via social media and the internet. During her presentation, Dr. Swanson will give an overview of how social media can be leveraged to communicate vaccine science and safety. She will address: the use of social media tools in

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to communicate vaccine information.

*This activity has been submitted to Montana Nurses Association for approval to award contact hours. Montana Nurses Association is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.*

Click [HERE](#) for webinar login information and additional details about the webinar series.

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## VFC Corner

### Monthly VFC Hot Topics Webinars

When: Every other month, last Tuesday and Thursday of the month.

[Updated Hot Topics Schedule](#)

[Archived Presentations](#)

| Month                                       | Topic   |
|---|---|
| June  | <b>Data Logger Recalibration</b><br>This webinar covers the state-funded data logger recalibration planned for this summer. We will look at the timeline, the process, and provider responsibilities. This is important information relevant to all VFC providers. Please plan to attend. |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>June 28th<br/>12:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Meeting Password: montana</b><br><a href="https://hhsmt.webex.com/hhsmt/j.php?MTID=mc56e0f586da06752109a95d4b2">https://hhsmt.webex.com/hhsmt/j.php?MTID=mc56e0f586da06752109a95d4b2</a><br><b>Audio Access code: 808 417 678</b>  |
| <b>Thursday<br/>June 30th<br/>7:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Meeting Password: montana</b><br><a href="https://hhsmt.webex.com/hhsmt/j.php?MTID=mc2f62039e370f8648e4f4f17462">https://hhsmt.webex.com/hhsmt/j.php?MTID=mc2f62039e370f8648e4f4f17462</a><br><b>Audio Access code: 806 412 776</b>  |
| <b>Thursday</b>                             | <b>Meeting Password: montana</b>  |

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| <b>June 30th<br/>8:00 a.m.</b> | <a href="https://hhsmt.webex.com/hhsmt/j.php?MTID=m59cca7b5c0223faaae8d1991c6">https://hhsmt.webex.com/hhsmt/j.php?MTID=m59cca7b5c0223faaae8d1991c6</a><br><b>Audio Access code: 809 179 136</b> |
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(Archived recording will be available for viewing)

**August                      Quality Improvement 101**

## **Reminders**

### **Backup Data Loggers - New Storage Recommendation**

We now recommend that you store your backup data logger in a refrigerator. This includes the entire box containing your data logger, probe, and spare batteries. The refrigerator does not have to be temperature monitored or dedicated to vaccine. You can also use door shelves and crisper drawers. There is no need to activate your backup data logger until you need it. It can remain idle while being stored in the refrigerator.

Storing your backup data logger in the refrigerator will pre-chill the probe vial so it more quickly equilibrates to vaccine storage temperature when you need it. It will also extend the life of the spare batteries. Be sure to tell other staff at your clinic you are changing the storage location and label it well. Your backup data logger is useless if no one can find it when needed!

### **New Section 12 of the VFC Provider Handbook**

We updated Section 12 of the *VFC Provider Handbook* to reflect new guidance from the CDC on packing vaccine for transport. Please see the email dated May 9, 2016 for more information and a digital copy of the new section. It is also available on our website under the "VFC" link.

It is your responsibility to fill-in this new version with your clinic information, review it with staff, document the review, and post to your public vaccine storage units.

*Questions?* Contact Lori Hutchinson or Katie Grady-Selby at [hhsiz@mt.gov](mailto:hhsiz@mt.gov).

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## **Vaccines In Practice**

The Montana Immunization Program receives many calls regarding Hib vaccine administration and scheduling questions. Featured below are resources and additional Hib information:

1. CDC has developed Catch-up Guidance "job-aids" with detailed scenarios by age group and previous doses of vaccine received for Hib. This resource should assist health care providers in interpreting Figure 2, the Childhood/Adolescent Immunization catch-up schedule.

[Hib Vaccine Products: ActHIB, Pentacel, MenHibRix, or Unknown\[3 pages\]\(http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/job-aids/hib-acthib.pdf\)](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/job-aids/hib-acthib.pdf)

2. Below are questions answered by CDC Experts from the Immunization Action Coalition:

[http://www.immunize.org/askexperts/experts\\_hib.asp](http://www.immunize.org/askexperts/experts_hib.asp)

**What is the Hib vaccine schedule for children who have fallen behind or are completely unvaccinated?**

Healthcare providers should refer to the catch-up schedule which is approved and published each year by the ACIP, AAP, and AAFP (available at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/child-adolescent.html)). The catch-up schedule will help determine the number of additional doses needed and the minimum intervals between doses. However, if a healthy child receives a dose of Hib vaccine at 15 months of age or older, he or she does not need any further doses regardless of the number of doses received before 15 months of age. Some high-risk children between the ages of 15 months and 59 months will be recommended for two doses of Hib vaccine based on previous history of incomplete vaccination.

**If an infant received one dose of Hib at 5 months, and another at 15 months, does he/she need any more doses?**

No. If a child receives a dose of Hib vaccine at 15 months of age or older, he or she does not need any further doses regardless of the number of doses received before 15 months of age.

**Since the booster dose of Hib vaccine can be given at 12–15 months, is it still necessary to "boost" two months later if the first dose was given at 12–14 months?**

If the child received a primary series (2 or 3 doses) of Hib vaccine in the first year of life, then the final (booster) dose of the series may be given as early as 12 months, provided at least 2 months have passed since the last dose. An unvaccinated 12–14 month old child should receive one dose as a primary series, and a booster dose 2 months later. Unvaccinated healthy children 15–59 months of age need only a single dose of any licensed conjugate Hib vaccine. Some high-risk children 15–59 months of age are recommended for two doses of Hib vaccine based on previous history of incomplete vaccination.

**A 4-year-old received dose #3 of Hib at age 6 months. Does the child need dose #4?**

Yes. All children less than 5 years old need at least one dose of Hib vaccine on or after the first birthday. The last dose should be separated from the previous dose by at least 8 weeks.

**I've just evaluated a 7-year old who does not have a record of receiving Hib vaccine. Would a dose be indicated now?**

ACIP does not recommend routine Hib vaccination of healthy children 59 months of age or older, even if they have no prior history of Hib vaccination.

*Questions?* Contact Susan Reeser, Nurse Consultant, [sreeser@mt.gov](mailto:sreeser@mt.gov) or (406) 444-1805.

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## **imMTrax Announcements**

### **imMTrax Communication Via Email**

Email communication is overwhelmingly common between the Montana Immunization Program and imMTrax Users, VFC Contact Persons and Providers, etc. It is important to remember, however, that all communications must fall within the policies that maintain our client's confidentiality.

For general email communication, please ensure that client information remains as secure as possible by not including:

- Name
- Date of Birth
- Medical Record Number (from a site's internal electronic health record/EHR)
- Social Security Number

To reference a specific client record(s) in imMTrax, **please provide only the imMTrax ID number**. The imMTrax ID number can be found within the client record or as a column included with search results. imMTrax ID numbers change over time as records are updated or merged. Providing the imMTrax ID number will allow staff to look at the client record being referenced at the time it is submitted.

Communications that cannot comply via email should only be sent by fax, relayed by phone, or sent by secure file transfer (such as EPASS).

*Questions? Concerns? Contact us at (406) 444-5580.*

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## **Monthly Vaccine-Preventable Disease Report**

Starting May 2016, the Communicable Disease Epidemiology (CDEpi) Section will contribute an article to the monthly Montana Immunization Program Newsletter.

CDEpi will provide a monthly update of the case counts of vaccine-preventable diseases (VPDs) reported in Montana. The VPDs will be reported geographically based on the jurisdiction of residence of the case. The case counts will be provided for the current month and as a cumulative total for 2016. In addition, the current number of influenza cases, hospitalizations and deaths for the 2015-2016 influenza season will be provided.

**Table 1. Select Vaccine-Preventable Disease Counts by Jurisdiction of Residence- April 2016 and 2016 Year to Date.**

| <b>JURISDICTION</b>              | <b>VACCINE PREVENTABLE DISEASES</b>            |                     |                         |  |                                      |
|----------------------------------|--|---------------------|-------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
|                                  | <b><i>Haemophilus Influenzae, invasive</i></b> | <b><i>Mumps</i></b> | <b><i>Pertussis</i></b> | <b><i>Streptococcus pneumoniae, invasive</i></b> | <b><i>Varicella (Chickenpox)</i></b> |
| <b><i>Carbon</i></b>             | 1  | -                   | -                       | -  | -                                    |
| <b><i>Cascade</i></b>            | -  | -                   | -                       | 3  | -                                    |
| <b><i>Flathead</i></b>           | 3  | -                   | -                       | -  | 1                                    |
| <b><i>Gallatin</i></b>           | -  | 5                   | -                       | -  | -                                    |
| <b><i>Lake/CSKT</i></b>          | -  | -                   | -                       | -  | 1                                    |
| <b><i>Lewis and Clark</i></b>    | -  | -                   | -                       | 1  | 2                                    |
| <b><i>Phillips</i></b>           | -  | -                   | -                       | -  | 2                                    |
| <b><i>Richland</i></b>           | -  | -                   | -                       | -  | 2                                    |
| <b><i>Roosevelt/Ft. Peck</i></b> | -  | -                   | -                       | -  | 1                                    |

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|--------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| <b>Sanders</b>     | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| <b>Silver Bow</b>  | - | - | - | 3 | - |
| <b>Yellowstone</b> | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |

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|--------------------------|---|----|---|----|----|
| <b>April 2016</b>        | 5 | 5  | 0 | 9  | 9  |
| <b>2016 Year to Date</b> | 8 | 17 | 3 | 37 | 38 |

\*Data retrieved from DPHHS.

**Table 2. Influenza Cases, Hospitalizations and Deaths- Montana 2016**

|                          | <b>Cases</b> | <b>Hospitalizations</b> | <b>Deaths</b> |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| <b>2015-2016 Season*</b> | 4221         | 399                     | 18            |

\*October 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016.

Questions? Contact CDEpi at (406) 444-0273.




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